

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We are not just dealing in this bill with child pornography, we are dealing with what is considered obscene, period. I don't think any of the librarians who signed these letters that I sent around to you are purveyors or supporters of child pornography, but being people who deal with ideas and the preservation of ideas on paper, tape, celluloid, or whatever means a society tries to retain things for passage on to future generations, they can see great problems in a bill such as this. So, although it might make political sense to pass it, I don't think it makes societal wisdom and we are supposed to be concerned about just and wise laws. We should not do anything that will restrict reading, inquiry, curiosity, the satisfaction of curiosity in any way.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This bill...thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Yes. Senator Higgins, your light was on, did you turn it back off? Senator Chambers, your light is on. Okay, any further discussion? Senator Pirsch, did you wish to close on the committee amendments? Oh, Senator Chizek, did you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, members, basically the bill deals with child pornography. There is a section that cleans up some language, et cetera, on page 10, but primarily what we are dealing with is that which addresses child pornography and the committee felt that the amendment would substantially improve the bill, so I would urge your adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek has closed on the committee amendments. The question is, shall they be adopted? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 117. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to